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The leg 16 is an elongate U-shaped member comprising a closed end 17, and an open end 19 defined by the two extended portions 21 and 22 of the U. As shown in Figure 1, the leg 16 is attached to the upper ring 12 in such a manner that a portion of the closed end 17 of the U-shaped leg 16 extends above the upper ring 12 so as to define a loop 20 formed above the upper ring 12. The loop 20 provides a location for a plant cage use to comfortably handle the cage 10, avoiding injury to users' hands or damage to the cage 10 itself (as will be described in more detail hereinbelow). The open of each loop 20 is of sufficient size to enable a user to comfortably grip the loop 20. The leg 16 may have any number of loops 20, or the loop 20 may be of any shape desired to perform described function. For example, as shown in Figure 9, leg 66 is a double leg member with a loop 68 that is formed by a bend in the upper portions of the leg 16. The loop 68 is formed substantially in a different plane, *i.e.*, perpendicular, than the plane created by the upper portions of leg 16.

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The plant containers 32 preferably have a lip or rim 36 to facilitate the proper positioning of a container within the inner volume 24 of the cage 10. Specifically, the rim 36 of container 32 is adapted to rest over the loops 20 of legs 16. Alternatively, the plant container may rest over loops 20 of legs 16, having the rim 36 cover the upper ring 12, as shown in Figure 8.

#### *In the Drawings*

Please add Figures 8 and 9 as indicated on the attached sheets of drawings.

#### *In the Claims*

Please add claims 17-23. The marked changes are shown on a separate page entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

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17. A support member for a plant support apparatus, the support member comprising:  
at least one leg attachable to an upper ring and a lower ring, the leg adapted to support the  
upper ring and lower ring and engage the ground, the at least one leg comprising a ledge shaped

so as to permit application of a downward force by a plant support user to engage the plant support with the ground.

18. The support member of claim 17 wherein said at least one leg is an elongated U-shaped member comprising:

a closed end and an open end defined by two portions of the U-shaped member;

a portion of the upper ring adapted to attach proximate the closed end of said at least one leg such that a loop is formed above the upper ring by the closed end of the leg; and

the end of the two portions of the U-shaped member are adapted to engage the ground.

19. The support member of claim 17 wherein the support member is made of wire.

20. The support member of claim 17 wherein the support member is made of plastic.

21. The support member of claim 18 wherein the ledge is defined by a bend in the two portions of the U-shaped member the ledge located below the position where the lower ring attaches to the U-shaped member.

22. The support member of claim 18 wherein the loop is positioned in the same plane as the two portions of the U-shaped member at the open end.

23. The support member of claim 18 wherein the loop is positioned in a different plane as the two portions of the U-shaped member at the open end.